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COMMANDING OFFICER POLICY LETTER 005-08

From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corp Air Station New River
To: Distribution List

Subj: MOTORCYCLE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT POLICY FOR MARINE
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Ref: (a) MCO 5100.19E W CH 1-3
(b) ASO 5100.12G

1. Purpose. To provide guidance concerning the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while operating a motorcycle or riding as a passenger aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) New River.

2. Cancellation. Commanding Officer Policy Letter 001-08.

3. Background. To establish uniformity aboard MCAS New River concerning use of motorcycle PPE for operators and passengers.

4. Personal Protective Equipment. In accordance with the references, the following PPE is mandatory for all individuals operating a motorcycle, to include passengers, aboard MCAS New River. This policy applies to personnel in uniform or in civilian attire.

a. A properly fastened (under the chin) protective helmet which meets the standards of the Snell Memorial Foundation (SNELL), the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), or Department of Transportation (DoT).

b. Impact or shatter resistant goggles or full-face shield attached to the helmet. A windshield, eyeglasses, sunglasses, or fairing alone is not considered proper eye protection.

c. Upper Garments

(1) Wear While in Civilian Attire

(a) During daylight hours personnel will wear a brightly colored, long-sleeved outer upper garment or long-sleeved outer garment with an appropriate reflective vest/jacket.

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(b) During evening hours personnel will wear a long-sleeved outer garment with an appropriate reflective vest/jacket.

(c) Motorcycle jackets and pants constructed of abrasion resistant materials such as leather, kevlar, and/or Cordura and containing impact-absorbing padding are preferred and strongly encouraged for personal safety.

(2) Wear While in Uniform

(a) Long-sleeved. Regardless of daylight or evening hours personnel will wear an appropriate reflective vest/jacket.

(b) Short-sleeved. Regardless of daylight or evening hours personnel will wear the uniform with an appropriate jacket. If the riding jacket is not reflective, a reflective vest must be worn in addition.

(c) Any vest/jacket worn will be immediately removed upon dismounting the motorcycle.

1. Brightly colored is defined as a white, yellow, lime green, flouresent pink, or international orange.

2. Reflective vests are defined as brightly colored as defined above and have 1 ½" - 2" reflective strips front and back. Commercially available fabric jackets, which meet these same criteria, may also be worn.

d. If a backpack is worn while operating a motorcycle, the vest must be worn on the outside of backpack or the backpack must have a standard orange or yellow reflective belt attached to the exterior of the backpack and clearly visible from the rear of the vehicle.

e. Hard-soled shoes, with heels, that cover the ankle.

f. Long-legged trousers and full-fingered protective gloves or mittens.

5. Operating a vehicle aboard MCAS New River is a privilege and service members who fail to comply with this policy will be subject to revocation of MCAS Air Station driving privileges and disciplinary action. All other persons operating a motorcycle aboard the installation who fail to comply with this policy will be subjected to suspension of MCAS New River driving privileges.

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6. Commanding Officers may request, in writing, that the Air Station Traffic Court Magistrate suspend or revoke the Air Station driving privileges of individuals as appropriate.

7. This policy is applicable to all personnel aboard MCAS New River and all tenant commands, civilian employees, contractors, and dependants. This policy is effective on the date signed.



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